

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.**

1. (Currently amended): A polarizing plate comprising

a polarizer, ~~[[and]]~~ a protective film provided on at least one surface thereof with an adhesive layer, and an adhesion imparting layer on a surface of the protective film which adheres to the polarizer via the adhesive layer,

wherein the protective film comprises (A) a thermoplastic resin having a substituted and/or non-substituted imide group in a side chain and (B) a thermoplastic resin having a substituted and/or non-substituted phenyl group, and nitrile group in a side chain,

the adhesive layer comprises a polyurethane adhesive containing a urethane polyol and an isocyanate crosslinking agent, and

~~at least one adhesion imparting treatment selected from the group consisting of a dry treatment, a chemical treatment and coating treatment is applied to a surface of the protective film which adheres to the polarizer~~

wherein the adhesion imparting layer is formed from a urethane-modified polyester copolymer resin.

2. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the urethane polyol is a polyether urethane polyol.

3. Cancelled.

4. (Previously Presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein if in the protective film, a direction along which an in-plane refractive index is maximized is X axis, a direction perpendicular to X axis is Y axis, a thickness direction of the film is Z axis; refractive indexes in the respective axis directions are  $n_x$ ,  $n_y$  and  $n_z$ ; and a thickness of the transparent film is  $d$  (nm) by definition, the transparent film satisfies the following relations:

in-plane retardation  $R_e = (n_x - n_y) \times d \leq 20$  nm and

thickness direction retardation  $R_{th} = \{(n_x + n_y)/2 - n_z\} \times d \leq 30$  nm.

5. (Previously Presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein the protective film is a biaxially stretched film.

6. (Previously Presented): The polarizing plate according to claim 1, wherein after a sample of the polarizing plate cut in square having a size of 30 mm  $\times$  30 mm is immersed in warm water at 60°C for 16 hr, a peeling-off percent of the protective film from the polarizer is 1% or less relative to a length of a side of the square polarizing plate.

7. Cancelled.

8. (Previously Presented): An optical film comprising at least one polarizing plate according to claim 1.

9. (Previously Presented): An image viewing display comprising the polarizing plate according to claim 1.

10. (Previously Presented): An image viewing display comprising the optical film according to claim 8.

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11. Cancelled.
12. Cancelled.
13. Cancelled.
14. Cancelled.
15. Cancelled.